



Case Study

Your Space

Stephen Lawrence Centre, Deptford, London

Architect: **Gensler**

Main Contractor: **BW Interiors Ltd**

Your Space is a pioneering new development launched by the Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust. It is an innovative co-working hub which serves as an inspirational space for start-up businesses paving their way in the built environment. The refurbishment comes at a key moment in the Trust's evolution, as we remember Stephen's tragic passing 25 years on. Your Space is a living testament of his love of architecture, providing a creative and stimulating environment for young entrepreneurs.

We collaborated with the SLCT, global architects Gensler and contractor BW Interiors Ltd on this pro-bono project. Increasing visual connectivity and natural light flow were key design considerations for what was previously a dark environment with little natural light. Our beautiful glass partitioning systems met both of these requirements, creating a light and welcoming workspace.

Products Installed:

Axile Series

Bespoke Fire Rated



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Within the lobby areas, Optima fire rated glass door sets were installed to maximise light flow and conform to the fire performance requirements. In Your Space's shared area, our fire-rated slotted windows create a striking feature within the main drywall partition.

These windows are the room's main source of natural light, and also meet the required fire rating of the partition. Optima's sleek non fire-rated Axile Pulse frameless glass doors create a series of phone booths.

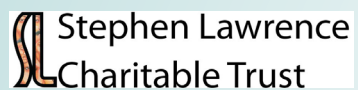
This allows visibility and light flow across the floor, whilst providing quiet areas away from the main open plan area.

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Chris Crawford, Gensler's lead designer on the project, said: "Increasing visibility and creating vistas throughout the space were design imperatives. Optima donated new glazed partitioning, doors and windows, where some had to comply with the building's fire strategy. Technically and functionally sound, the partitions look slick and fit in perfectly with the aesthetic of the overall scheme. The project would not have been the same without Optima's involvement."

Your Space is living proof of Stephen Lawrence's inspirational legacy, creating a unique, vibrant and affordable environment. Together, architects and young people beginning a career in the built environment can collaborate, share ideas and be inspired.



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